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			Venkataraman
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For:	PROCESS FOR MAKING SPIROLACTONE COMPOUNDS		--

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement of September 20, 2007, for which an Amendment is due by October 20, 2007. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the accompanying remarks.

Any additional fees associated with this Response may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on the date appearing below.

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